## REPLY TO AMBASSADORS

The Dowager Empress Said to Be Greatly Frightened.

A Report That She Has Promised a Peaceful Entry for Foreign Troops En Route to Pekin-Pretends to Be Ignorant of the Purpose of Milltary Forces-Constituents of the Army on Its Way to the Capital. Boxers Badly Defeated in the Fight Which Took Place Near Lang-Fang-Two Native Villages Captured-The British Suffered No Loss

LONDON, June 13 .- According to a despatch from Paris there is a prospect for | was received. immediate improvement in the Chinese A French correspondent has learned from high official sources that a despatch has been received from M. Pichon the French Ambassador to China. dated 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in which he says that the Dowager Empress had informed the ambassadors that the entrance of foreign troops would not be resisted. She acted very childishly and asked in a simple way why the troops were being brought into the country. M, Pichon told her that they were there to protect Europeans and also to guard the railway and telegraph lines.

It has been known for several days that the Dowager Empress is all but panicstricken over the dire results of the upbegan to fear for her life and, as was stated in the despatches, fled to the Prain the disturbed portions of China, if she | China. will; but it is doubted that she will now dare to take the necessary action. Peace will have to be brought about, it is contended, by foreign force, because the movement of the fanatics has progressed too far to be put down by an ordinary meas-

A despatch from Tientsin gives the following make-up of the international army which is now on its way to the relief of Pekin: British, 915; Germans, 350; Russians, 300; French, 158; Americans, 104; Japanese, 52; Italians, 40, and Austrians,

Additional details have arrived concerning the Boxer attack on the British patrol of sixteen marines at a point near Lang-Fang, on Monday. Two thousand of the rebels attempted to cut off the patrol, which was two miles ahead of the first train conveying troops to Pekin.

The marines kept up a running fire for over a mile. The Boxers held their own and did not fall back until re-enforcements arrived with a Maxim gun. Then they retreated.

The Europeans pursued them and carried two villages. The Boxers had forty casualties. The British sustained no losses. The assassination of the Chancellor of the Japanese Legation at Pekin on Monday has caused a great stir here and it is believed that this inexcusable outrage will do much toward increasing the bitterness between Japan and Russia. Japan be lieves that the Russians have had much to do with fomenting the rebellion that has disturbed the civilized world.

### TIDINGS FROM TIENTSIN

Two of the Methodist Missionaries Reported Safe.

NEW YORK, June 13 .- The following cable despatch was received by the Methodanal Board of Foreign Missions this morning "Tienesin. Hopkins and Haynor safe."

Dr. N. S. Hopkins and J. Frederick Haynor are stationed at Tsua-Hua, a city about 100 miles northwest of Pekin, and 100 miles north of Tientsin. With Dr. Hopkins and Mr. Haynor were also stationed Miss Edna G. Terry and Miss Croucher. Yesterday a rumor reached the Methodist Episcopai Board of Foreign Missions that Miss Terry had been murdered, and the fact that the despatch received this morning makes no mention either of Miss Terry or Miss Croucher, has occasioned considerable apprehension at the board head-

## MESSAGES FOR PEKIN.

Telegraph Company to Accept Them at the Sender's Risk.

NEW YORK, June 13 .- The Great Northern Telegraph Company announces that, in consequence of the interruption of Chiand Eastern cables will be sent at sender's risk during the troubles in China Night service has been established at the cable offices at Vladivostoca, Naga-aki, and Sanghai for the transmission of Government messages.

## JAPAN'S FRIENDLY ACT.

Immigration Inspector Watchorn Can Now Come Home.

On account of the action of the Japanes Government in issuing an order practically prohibiting emigration to the United States there will soon be no further need of Special Supervising Immigrant Inspec-Robert Watchorn remaining on the Pacific Coast, where he was sent May 22 to investigate Japanese immigrations and see that the laws relating to aliens coming into the country were strictly enforced.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor directed the Immigration Bureau today to order Watchorn to return to Washington as soon as the ship row.

ington as soon as the ships now on the sea bringing Japanese immigrants, who left Japan previous to the new order, arrived and their passengers have been passed upon by the immigrant inspectors at coast

The friendly act of the Japanese govern ment in issuing this special order prohib-iting more than an average of about five emigrants to leave any of the forty-seven United States, has been a subject of great commendation here in official circles since it was announced by the Japanese Lega-tion through Counselor Stevens.

Havana Customs Recipts. The receipts at the Havana custon house during the month of May were \$1, 005,262, exceeding by \$78,039 those of the same month last year. For the five months ended May 31 the customs receipts were \$4,133,570, or \$898,464 m than during the same period of 1899.

Washington Com., No. 1, U. R. K. of P. Chesapenke Beach, Thursday, June 14. Tickets, 50 cents round trip.

Rendy-made White Pine Blinds, 99 w; ali sizes ready for use. F. Libbey & Co.

THE CHINESE SITUATION.

Minister Conger Telegraphs That There Is No Improvement. The State Department heard from Minster Conger this morning, the despatch having been transmitted by lines running through Russian territory instead of by the usual route from Pekin to TientsIn, which has presumably been interfered with by the Boxers.

Mr. Conger said that the situation not improving. The foreign forces had not arrived at the time of filing the despatch, but Mr. Conger expressed the opinion that they would be able to control the situation when they did arrive.

Confirmation of the press reports that ent to the Chinese throne, who is notori ously anti-foreign, had been appointed President of the Tsung-Li-Yamen or Board of Foreign Affairs, and that three antiforeign ministers had also been appointed,

Commander Taussig, of the gunbo Yorktown, telegraphed the Navy Departnent today that the Yorktown was leaving Shanghai for Chefoo. No reason for this movement was given in the despatch. The naval officials say that the movement was not ordered from Washington, but may have been by kear Admiral Kempff, commanding the United States force in Chinese waters.

A despatch was received at the State Department yesterday from the United States Consul at Chefoo in which he said that American missionaries in that vicinity had been attacked by Boxers, and it is supposed that the Yorktown has gone to Chefoo to protect American interests Chefoo is on the outermost edge of the rising to which she has given countenance. Shantung peninsula, not a great distance if not actual support. The other day she from Cermany's Chinese territory. It is loss than a day's run from Taku forts,

. here the foreign fleet is assembled. sian Legation in Pekin for protection.

Ecyond these despatches the officials of is believed that she can do much wear! the base and Navy departments say they quelling the Boxers and restoring order have nothing concerning the situation in

That the Government is becoming mor alar ned over the serious turn in the Chinese situation, was manifest in the ac tions of the officials of the State War. and Navy departments during the morning. Several important conferences held, but the determination of the officials was not made public

It was annot need by a War Department official, however, that the statements that troops would be drawn from Marila for service in China could be confirmed, and that General MacArthur has received orders to have in readiness 5,000 men, with transports for their shipment. It is a'so stated that General Lloyd Wheaton will have command of the expedition

At the State Department it was said that o American forces would be used to patrol the railroad, nor against China, save when this was necessary to protect the ives and property of American residents. A rumor was current at the War Depart ment today that Aguinaldo had been dis overed to be in league with the Boxers. The advices received from American

MARINES SENT TO TIENTSIN.

agents in China show a critical situation

Detachment Leaves Manila on the Hospital Ship Solace.

n many portions of the Empire.

MANILA, June 13-(5 p. m.)-In recablegram from Kempff, at Taku a battalion of 100 marines, which it was intended to send to Guam to relieve the garrison there, sailed for Tientsin, China, at midnight last night on the hospital ship Solace. They are commanded by Major Waller and Lieutenants Reed, Powell, Butler,

and Wagner. It is expected that other marines will follow and probably a supply ship will be sent along. It is also possible that the cruisers New Orleans and Brooklyn will be sent to Admiral Kempff.

HONORS FOR WASHINGTONIANS. Prizes Awarded at Princeton's Com

mencement Exercises. PRINCETON, N. J., June 13 .- Prince on's 153d annual commencement was held this afternoon in Alexander Hall and the degree of bachelor of arts was conferred upon 149 members of the graduating class. David Lawrence Chambers, of Washington, D. C., delivered the Latin salutatory, and James Hugh Moffatt, of Cumberland, Md., the valedictory address, the subject of his oration being "Purpose and Reality." Ex-President Cleveland headed the Ex-President Cleveland headed the procession with Dr. Patton, and occupied the seat on President Patton's right on the

These prizes and fellowships were award-The Chancellor Green mental sc ellowship of \$600 James H. F. Mcffatt

The Boudoinol fellowship in modern lan uages, of \$200, Howard McBride, Mary

The Alexander Guthrie McCosh prize, the yeral yinterest of \$1,500, James H. F. Mof-

yeral vinterest of \$1,500, James H. F. Mor-fatt, Maryland.

The Lynde debate prizes, being yearly interest of \$5,000, are divided equally be-twenn the three winners, of whom John D. Kelly, of Washington, was one.

Baird prize, of \$100, for excellence in English, David L. Chambers, of Wash

### SHOT AT A POLICEMAN

Attempt to Kill a Kentucky Gover nor's Mansion Officer.

FRANKFORT, Ky., June 13 .- An atempt to kill William Smoot, a policeman at the Governor's Mansion, was made at

12:30 o'clock this morning. Smoot was coming in a side gate when an unknown man, who had secreted him-self in the yard, fired at him, the ball assing through his clothing. The police think the man was a burgiar.

Governor Beckham has not yet me

Fined for Permitting Cambling James White was charged with permit ing gambling on his premises by Police ting gambling on his premises by Policeman Schuyler, before Judge Kimball this morning. It was alleged that White rented rooms at a Fifteenth Street hotel for \$10 a week, and conducted a poker game. It was further charged that the play was what is known as a "rake off" game. White admitted the charge against him, and was ordered by Judge Kimball to pay a fine of \$50 and serve five days in Jail.

Washingtonians to Sail. NEW YORK, June 13 .- Mr. and Mrs. J.

H. Hensley, of Washington, are booked to sail tomorrow on the Konigin Luise, for

CHESAPEAKE BEACH-ON THE BAY Daily Schedule.

Trains leave District line depot, 10 a. m., 11 a. 1., 2, 5, 6 p. m. 80c round trip Norfolk & Washington Steam at Co. Delightful tripe daily at 6:30 p. m. to Old Po Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk, Virginia Bea and Ocean View. For schedule see page 7.

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ROBERTS ATTACKS BOTHA

Desperate Fight With the Boers Strongly Entrenched.

Hamilton Manages to Win the Key to the Position-Methuen Defeats Wet and Reopens the British Line of Communication - Thre English Officers Killed in the En gagement on the Middleburg Road Great Opposition From the Burghported Sate-Affairs at Pretoria and Johannesburg Perfectly Quiet.

LONDON, June 13.-General Roberts' forces have again worsted the Boers who cok advantage of the British halt for re uperation in Pretoria, and temporarily ut off the lines of communication.

General Roberts' immediate army has had a lively encounter with Botha's troops on the Middleburg road, and when the ommander-in-chief left the field the ourghers seemed on the point of giving up the struggle. Methuen and Kitchener have gained a signal victory over De Wet and that general's men have been scat-

Roberts gives the details of his operaions in the following despatch to the

War Office:

"Pretoria, June 12—(8:08 p. m.).—
Pretoria and Johannesburg are perfectly quiet. Several of the inhabitants have expressed their gratitude at the peace and order that is prevailing.

"After surrendering the city, Botha retired to a piace about fifteen miles cast on the Middleburg Road. He had a small force at first, but during the last few days the numbers increased. His being so near the town kept up the excitement in the country and prevened the burghers from laying down their arms and also interfered with the collection of supplies. Therefore, it became necessary to attack them. This I did. He held a very strong position which was practically unasseilable in front and which enabled him to sition which was practically unassaila-ble in front and which enabled him to place the main portion of his troops on his flanks which he knew from former experience were his vulnerable parts experience were his vulnerable parts.
"I sent French with Porter's and Dickson's Cavalry Brigader and Hutton's Mounted Infantry round by our left and Ian Hamilton with Broadwood's and Gordon's Cavalry Brigade, Builder's Mounted Infants and Brigade,

Ridley's Mounted Infantry and Bruce Hamilton's Infantry Brigade round by our right. Both columns met great opposition but about 3 o'clock in the afternoon I saw two of Hamilton's infantry battalons advancing to what appeared to be the key of the enemy's defence on their left flank. This was almost gained be-fore dark. I ordered the force to biv-ouac on the ground they had won.

"Pole-Carew with his division occupied our centre. As I have explained, he could not attack but gradually ad-vanced so as to support Ian Hamilton and when I left the field he was on a line held by the enemy's outposts in

'I hurried back to get news of Methuen's movements. On hearing that the Free Staters had taken advantage of our crossing the Vaal to interrupt our lines of communication, I sent Kitche-ner with such troops as could then be spared with orders to push south and communicate with Methuen who, I knew, had a very compact force in the vicinity of Heilbron. I also despatched a special messenger to Methuen to push on with all speed to the main rail-

"These two officers met at the Vrede-fort Road station on the evening of June 10, and marched yesterday to the Rhenoster River, where Methuen gained a complete victory over Ds Wet. He took his position in his compound, and scattered his troops in all direc-tions. He and Kitchener will march to-

day toward Kroonstad. "Her Majesty's Government ne d have no apprehension as to the security of the army in South Africa. The enemy has gained a slight success, which is unfortunate, but this will be remedied very shortly, and it will not take very lung to repair the damage to take very long to repair the damage to the railway, as the diversions are all in

"I am now able to hold the line between this point and Rhenoster in strength. Methuen will arrange for a guard onwards as he advances. Hunter should be at Potchefstroom today

From there he moves on Johannes "I have communicated with Buller who will no doubt soon make the ence of his force in the field felt

"Our losses yesterday were not, I trust, serious, but I deplore the death of that gallant soldier the Earl of Airlie. The only other casualties reported are Major the Hon. L. For tessue and Lieut, the Hon. G. Caver dish, both killed. ROBERTS."

The fact that the despatch came fro Pretoria proves that the British line of cation has been restored. The War Office has also received from Colonel Knox, at Kroonstad, a message

"Kroonstad is safe."

### AN UPRISING IN BORNEO.

Natives Dissatisfied With the Rule of a British Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13,-A cable espatch from Labuan, North Borneo, to nese newspapers, gives details of an attack on the town of Kudst by natives under Mat Saler, a half brother of the late notorious rebel chief, Mat Salleh. The Government magazine and a Maxim gun were captured by the rebels. Two of the British North Borneo constabulary were killed and seven wounded. Twenty-five Chinese were killed and the suburbs of the town were entirely destroyed. The attack was due to general dissatisfaction among the natives with the rule of the British chartered company.

AMERICANS ILLTREATED.

futeteers Begin Lawsuits Again an English Vessel. NEW ORLEANS, June 13.—The Americans who went as muleteers to South Af-

accompanying the mules shipped to the British Army, are returning almost daily and complain that they have been treated cruelly.

Suit was brought Monday against th Knight Bachelor, an English vessel, for \$5,000 damages by one of the returned mileteers, and yesterday more of the began proceedings against the Knight Bachelor. They complain hey were compelled to do heavy work that they had not contracted for, were fed or food unfit for dogs, and that they were otherwise illtreated.

Two more cargoes of mules, amounting to 2,000 animals, have left here in the steamers Montenegro and Honcroies for Cape Town. The British Government finds no difficulty in getting the mules here, but there has been constant trouble with the

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MANY BROKEN PLEDGES. Disparity Between Promises and

theme which all discussed with evident

liking-politics. Some talked of what the

Democratic party had done; others or what

WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1900.

Acts of the Republicans. There was a number of callers today a the Headquarters of the Democratic Congressional Committee on the parlor floor of the Metropolitan Hotel. Some of these were well known men, and some were not so well known. There was one general

the Republican party had not done. It appeared today that the latter di-vision of the general theme was the more opular. One of the conspicuous features ers at All Points-Kroonstad Re- of the late session of Congress, which was repeatedly pointed out, was the disparity between Republican promises and Republican performances. Of the public bills which became laws, there were exceed-ingly few, it was said, which bore any relation to the pledges made by the Re-publican party in the National Convention

The platform makers in that year, it was said, addressed themselves particularly to seventeen subjects: Protection, reciproci-ty, sugar, merchant marine, money, war veterans, foreign relations, Cuba, the Navy, immigration, Civil Serivce, free ballot, lyncoings, arbitration, homesteads, terri-tories, temperance and woman's rights. The platform upon which Mr. McKiniey was presented to the electors of America appealed "For the popular and historical ustification of their claims to the matchess achievements of thirty years of Republican rule."

A member of the Congressional Committee said: "The programme which the Republicans placed before the people, all the numbers of which they agreed to perorm in return for the suffrages of the peo-

ie, was as follows:
"'1. Promote protection.
"'2. Renew and extend reciprocal rela-

ons.

"3. Protect domestic sugar production.

"4. Build up merchant marine by disriminating duties.

"5. Maintain sound money and secure
ree silver by international agreement.

"6. Take care of veteraus and scoid the

Pension Bureau. '7. Construct an American canal across Nicaragua and protect American inter "8. Restore peace and order to Cuba.
"9. Extend the navy.

'10. Exclude immigrants wto cannot read or write '11. Extend the civil selvice

" '12. Free ballot to every citizen.
" '13. Stop lynchings.
" '14. Establish National Board of Labor

Arbitration. 15. Pass a free homestead bill.
16. Admit Territories at early day.
17. Promote temperance and rights of

women."

"These things were described as the principles of the Republican party. In the matter of reciprocity, and under the power granted in the Dingley Tariff act, reciprocity treaties were negotiated between the United States and France and with Jamaica, Barbados, and athers of the British West Indies. That with France promised to greatly extend our business. British West Indies. That with France promised to greatly extend our business with that Republic. It granted preferential rates on a large number of articles of which we have a surplus and that France needs, and lowered the rates on French products needed by us. The treaties with the British West Indies promised an increase of trade with people needer to recrease of trade with people nearer to us than to their home Government, and were as greatly desired by the necole who made them as they were by the businers men of the United States who expected to benefit

The conventions were sent to Congress early last December, and were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. There they sleep in tombs of dust, and in some instances the limit of time within which they should have been ratified by the Senate and confirmed by the House has should reprint has already expired.

'The promise to build up the merchant mariae by discriminating duties' was not put into execution. No attempt was made to do so. When the control of Governmental affairs had been committed to the Republican party it was immediately discovered by that party that to build up the marchant was the Meaningth of the description of the control of th erchant marine by discriminating duties ould conflict with the treaty obligations the United States entered into with about thirty other nations.

"Abandoning the theory of discriminating duties, there was framed a bill in the late

session, to grant bounties to shipowners and shipbuilders, which could be sharde in only by special sub-classes of these classes. The bill was considered by to many Republicans to be inequitable and by others to be dangerous party policy that no effort was put forward to bring the bill before Congress for action.

"One of the planks in the Republicant "One of the planks in the Republican one of the plants in the Republican platform was that which declared in favor of 'a firm, vigorous, and dignified foreign policy.' One manifestation of this policy was the presentation to the Senate for ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty, containing a repudiation of the Monroe Deciring and an emission that England. octrine and an dmission that England has a right to dictate policies in the West-ern World. Then there was developed the Administration's opposition to the Nica-ragua Canal bill, the fortification clause which was so objectionable to the ad-

of which was so objectionable to the advocates of a 'vigorous fereign policy' that it only escaped elimination from the Hepburn bill by being softly modified.

"The promises to promite bimetallism by international agreement has been broken and an opposite course pursued in clinching upon the people a gold standard law.

"The Civil Service law has been curtailed rather than extended, an Territories. ed rather than extended; no Territories have been admitted to Statehood, and the Navy is being developed along the lines laid down during the administration of Secretary Whitney."

Lieutenant Cilley Dead.

A despatch was received at the War De-partment from General MacArthur, this morning, announcing the death from typhoid fever of First Lieut. Jonathan Cilley, of the Forty-third Infantry. Lieuten-Mexico City Chosen.

The representatives of the American Republics met with Secretary Hay at the State Department this morning and sethe next Pan-American Convention . The date was not fixed.

Ramsden Goes to Havana. The State Department has been notified that H. A. Ramsden has been appointed British Consul at Havana. Mr. Ramsden is a son of former British Consul Ramsden, of Santiago, who endeared himself to

Americans by protecting United States citi-zens during the late war. t to the Treasury Department for redemp The Son of the Dake of York. Her Majesty Queen Victoria has address a letter through the State Department to President McKinley notifying him of the birth of a Prince, son of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

The Mid-Roaders' Hendquarters. oad Populists will open inationad headquarters in Chicago about July 4 and will intain their organization here through Church of Our Father S. S. Excursion.

Chesapeake Beach, Wednesday, June 13. Tickets, 50 cents round trip. Clear, Soft, Yellow Poplar, dressed. Extra wide, finest, Choicest, White ets.; No. 2 poplar

The Buckeye Democrats in Session at Columbus.

Platform Reaffirms Allegiance to the Principles Enunciated in the Chieago Declaration - Strong Plank Against Imperialism and the Congressionat Usurpation of Power.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 13.-There was great enthusiasm at 10.45 o'clock when Hon. W. S. Thomas, as Chairman of the fre State Central Committee, called the convention to order. He introduced Rev. John Hewitt, who delivered the invocation. Following the invocation, Mr. Thomas anounced the temporary organization as

Webster P. Huntington, of Franklin county, chairman; Louis Reemelin of Hamilton, secretary; John McCarty of Defiance, sergeant-at-arms; John J. Joyce of Franklin, first assistant; Rev. John Hewitt of Franklin, chaplain.
Mr. Huntington was introduced and delivered the keynote speech, which was frequently applauded.

The committee on resolutions spent the night in preparation of a platform and presented to the convention the following

"We the Democrats of Ohio in

we the Democrats of Ohlo in convention assembled re-affirm our adherence to the National Democratic platform adopted at Chicago in 1836.

"We enter our protest against the doctrine that the President or Congress can govern acquired twitters." govern acquired territory outside independent of the Constitution of can govern acquired territory outside and independent of the Constitution of the United States, as a doctrine utterly subversive of every foundation and principle of our Government. The Declaration of Independence, the flag, and the Constitution must everywhere stand together as emblems or human liberty and equal rights for all and where one goes, all go.

"We therefore denounce imperialism under any pretence as necessarily lead-

under any pretence as necessarily lead-ing to militarism, and as wholly for-eign to our system of government, and declare that neither Congress nor the President can exercise any power not derived from the Constitution.

'We therefore denounce the Porto "We therefore denounce the Period Rican Tariff bill as a palpable viola-tion of the doctrines of the fathers and of the fundamental principles of our Government, which is based upon equal rights to all."

Hor. A. W. Patrick, of New Philadel-hia, is said to be a formidable candidate or delegate-zt-large. The other members of the "Big Four" will be Col. James Kil-bourne, Columbus; Hon. C. M. Hasgkell, of Putnam, and George W. Hall, of Toledo. The latter, however, has an opponent in

The latter, nowever, has an opponent in Hon. John C. Walty, of Canton. The committee on credentials decided in favor of seating the regular delegates from Cuyahoga and Montgomery counties. There has been little consideration of the candidates for places on the State ticket. Indications favor a ticket headed by either William Bell of Licking or Frank Harper of Knox for secretary of State.

THE PORT OF CUCUTA CLOSED.

An Evidence of Successes by the Colombian Insurgents. NEW YORK, June 13 .- The official adssion that the port of Cucuta is conrolled by the Colombian insurgents is contained in the following notice posted in

the consulate of Colombia, 17 State Street "By special decree issued by the execu-tive of Colombia it is declared that the port of Cucuta has been closed to foreign commerce. E. E. SPINOSA, "Consul General."

The ostensible purpose of this decree was to deprive the insurgents of revenues that might accrue from shipping to Cucuta, which is held by them. The revolutionary government, however, has sent consuls to Curacao and Maracaibo pass all goods consigned to places held by the rebels. Shippers in this city to Cu-

A CENSUS DISCOVERY.

Colored Woman in Kansas Claims to

Be 114 Years Old. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 13 .- A Leavenworth census enumerator has found a woman who claims to be 114 years old

She is Mrs. Kittie Watkins, a negress. The two most important events in her life were when she cooked for a barbecue given at Liberty, Mo., to soldiers returning from the Mexican War in 1846 and when she cast her first vote in this city six years ago, being then 108 years old. Mrs. Watkins has been married twice, and is the mother of eleven children

FOR AN ISTHMIAN RAILWAY. The Astor Syndlente Secures Conces

NEW ORLEANS, June 13 .- The Astor undicate has secured from the Govern ment of Honduras concessions for building an isthmian railway from Puerto Cortes on the Atlantic to Amapala, on the Pacias, a distance of 260 miles. The Congress of Honduras has just granted the concessions and President Sierra has signed the pa-

James E. Bleekman, managing directo of the New York syndicate, brought the news here. Accompanying Mr. Bleekman is Cel. Duncan B. Cooper, of Nashville, one of the first promoters of the syndicate. It is reported that Mr. Keith, the head of the Fruit Trust, will be general manager of the new road. Work upon it will begin at once.

World's Running Record Broken. PHILADELPHIA, June 13.-In the ames resterday on Franklin Field Alexander Grant, of Pennsylvania, broke the world's record for the 1,500-metre run. Grant covered the distance in 4 minutes 83-5 seconds. The best previous time in that event was made by a Frenchman and was 4 minutes 16 seconds.

Money in a Tomato Can. MAHWAH, N. J., June 13 .- Forme Governor Price's son, while searching through the ruins of a fire which occurred ere on April 28, found a tomato can con-aining \$900. The money was all in \$20 ills. As it is badly scorched he will send

A Missing Mother Located. HAZLETON, Pa., June 13 .- Mrs. Rich-

rd Leahy, of this city, who disappeared four years ago, has been located in the Blockley Almshouse, Philadelphia. She is slightly demented and wandered away. The years slipped by, and rhe was given up as dead. On Monday her son Patrick received a letter from her. He left yester-day for Philadelphia to bring his mother home.

Philadelphia and Return & Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

FEARING THE CONTESTANTS. Republican National Committee Be

gins Its Sessions PHILADELPHIA, June 13.-The pre iminary work of the Republican National Convention began today in earnest with the meeting of the National Committee at 12 o'clock. Interest in the committee meeting was reduced to a minimum, however, by the absence of Chairman Hanna, who did not reach the city until some two

The committee will hear the testim in the thirty-five contests for seats in the Convention. The contestants are mostly from the South.

There are contestants here from dis-

tricts where no conventions were held, ac-cording to the charges and counter-charges freely made teday. The corridors of the freely made today. The corridors of the Hotel Walton today swarmed with contestants, leaders, and witnesses from Louisiana, Texas. Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. The National Committee is disnessee. The National Committee is dis-posed to make short work of most of the

URUGUAY'S NEW MINISTER.

Don Juan Cuestas Presents His Cre

dentials to the President. Don Juan Cuestas, the new Minister from Uruguay, today called at the State Department and presented his credentials as the representative of that Republic. After some formalities, Secretary Hay accompanied him to the White House where was presented to the President.

In greeting Mr. McKinley, Senor Cuestas said:

'Mr. President, invested by the Government of the Republic of Uruguay with the character of Minister Resident with the character of Minister Resident near the Government of the United States of America, over which Your Excellency presides, I have the high honor to place in Your Excellency's hand the autograph letter of His Excellency the President which accredits me in that capacity.

"Interpreting the sentiments which animate my Government in confiding to me this mission, whose first object is to contribute to draw more closely, If possible, the relations of frank and cordial friendship which happily unite the two countries.

ship which happily unite the two countries, it is my duty to make known to Your Excellency the sincere wishes for the prosperity and greatness of the United States of America, and for the personal happiness of Your Excellency entertained by my Gov

"For my part I congratulate myself, Mr. President, that Your Excellency will apreclate the sincerity of my sentiments and will give them a kindly welcome. My mission will thus be rendered all the eas-ier, and I shall count myself happy if my modest good will as representative of Uru-guay should meet the assistance and effi-cacious co-operation of the First Magistrate of a great people.

urate of a great people."

Mr. McKinley responded as follows:

"Mr. Minister, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this country in the capacity of Minister Resident of the Republic of Uruguay, and to assure you that the sentiments of cordial friendship which you express are heartily reciprocated by the Government and by the people of the United States. which you express, of cementing and rend which you express, of cententing and rendering even more latimate the relations which so Lappily unite our two republics. It is a special pleasure for me to welcome you, not only as Minister of Uruguay, but as the son of the enlightened statesman

who now directs the destinies of that re-Don Juan Cuestas is a son of President

NEW YORK'S COOPERAGE FIRE. Five Men Killed and Many Others

Injured. NEW YORK, June 13 .- The fire which lestroyed the immense cooperage plant of the Weidman Company, on North Eleventh Street, Williamsburg, last evening, resulted in the death of five men and the injury of numerous employes and firemen.
One man, Charles Colwell, is still missing. So fiercely did the fire burn that not this morning could a thorough search of the ruins be made, and then several bod- Towne, of Minnesota, are to hold a series ies were found. One was burned beyond all of conferences this afternoon, at which

or recognition, and was taken to the morgue.

The death list now numbers five, and as several Italians, names unknown, are said several Italians, names unkn

lieve that the death roll may grow. PRESIDENT ROGERS RESIGNS.

Politics Causes Him to Leave the Northwestern University. CHICAGO, June 13.-President Henry Wade Rogers, of Northwestern University has resigned. At the annual meeting of the board of trustees yesterday, President

trustees, which caused yesterday's action.

HAS HIS PICTURE TAKEN. Mr. McKinley Poses Before a Camera for Campaign Purposes The President this morning sat for his tegraph at a Fifteenth Street studio. He has a number of pictures, but in view of the coming Convention next week and

the subsequent campaign there has been ng demand for a new photograph of

The Census in Hagerstown. HAGERSTOWN, Md., June 13.-Emerich C. Bell, of Hagerstown, was the first cen-100. In 1890 it was 15,118. A newspaper census several years ago, when Hagers-town was at the height of its prosperity. nade the population between 17,000 and

Fatal Fall From a Bridge.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 13 .- Dominick McNichols, of Pittsburg, Pa., a forenan, employed by a bridge company plac-White Plains, while superintending the enstruction, lost his balance and fell a distance of thirty feet. He received fatal internal injuries from which he died yes-

Held in Heavy Bail.

William Earley, colored, who was arrested several days ago, charged with a erious assault on Rebecca Toyer, a tenyear-old girl on June 2 at a house in Lo-cust Alley, was trraigned this morning before Judge Kimbali and entered a plea of not guilty. The defendant was held in \$2,000 bond for the action of the grand

Flynn's Business College, 5th and K. -Census Office Examinati The Music at Chesapeake Beach Is Haley's Band and Orchestra every afternoon and evening. Dancing.

Cars loaded free for out-of-town

# DEMOCRATS OF KENTUCK

Louisville Crowded in Anticipation of the State Convention.

senator-Elect Blackburn, Ex-Governor McCreary, and Louis Mc-Quown Likely to Be Delegates at Large-Strong Planks to Be Included in the Party's Platform.

LOUISVILLE, June 13.-Convention rowds throng the streets of the city and there is great enthusiasm in anticipation of a year of Democratic victories. gates to the Democratic State Convention to be held tomorrow, accompanied by prominent leaders of the party, are arriving on every train. The convention will elect our delegates-at-large to the Kansas City, Convention. It is regarded as almost certain that

Senator-elect Blackburn, ex-Governor James B. McCreary, and Louis McQuown, of Warren, will be three of the four delegates from the State at large to the National Convention. They have a big lead in the instructed vote, and are believed to be sure winners. Several Description to be sure winners. Several Democrats are mentioned for the fourth place.

are mentioned for the fourth place.
The following planks for the platform have been agreed upon:
"We openly condemn the dastardly action of the late Republican usurpers and assassins for defaming the fair name of Kentucky by carrying into effect their campaign threat to 'wade in blood up to their knees,' by taking to the State Capitol an army of desperadoes for the purpose of assassinating does for the purpose of assassinating our beloved and martyred Governor, William Goebel.

Wiliam Goebel.

"We openly condemn the flight of W.
S. Taylor and Charles Finley, in making themselves fugitives from justice by taking up their abode in the State of Indiana to evade trial for complicity in the murder of William Goebel.
"Breehed Their Breehed." "Resolved, That we ask that all necessary steps, by constitutionual amend-ment and otherwise, shall be taken to, as soon as possible, return to the man-ly and now venerable form of viva voce voting, which has by long experience endeared itself to the people of this State.

We declare in favor of free trade with Porto Rico, independence of Cubs, home rule for the Philippines, no subject people, no colonial dependencies, eternal opposition to trusts, a vigorous foreign policy, an income tax, the elec-tion of United States Senators by vote of the people, and for bimetallism."

The principal contest of the convention, t is believed today, will be for the honor if the fourth place of delegate-at-large. Sumerous strong party adherents are delivated from the covered election is intense. At present none of the candidates seems to be decidedly in the lead.

Republicans Ordered to Turn Over Kentucky Minor Offices. FRANKFORT, Ky., June 13 .- The Court of Appeals this morning rendered a decision, sustaining in part the motion of the Democrats in the minor officers' cases, disharging the supersedeas bond and com-

COURT UPHOLDS DEMOCRATS.

elling the Republican officers to turn over he offices at once to the Democratic offi-The decision sets at rest the question of

BRYAN IN CHICAGO.

Conferences of Democratic Leaders CHICAGO, June 13 .- W. J. Bryan arived in Chicago today for a conference with the national leaders. Colonel Bryan. Senator Jones, of Arkansas; National Com-Chicago, and, possibly, ex-Representative

to be missing, the police and firemen be- Colonel Wetmore's summer home is sitanted, for a week of fishing. Mr. Towns is expected at Minocqua. Senator Jones intends to leave tonight for Kansas City where he will meet the committee of ar-

angements for the Convention PROGRESS OF THE CENSUS.

Enumeration in Twenty-five of the "We are getting along swimmingly with william Deering presented Dr. Rogers' resignation, to take effect July 15.

Dr. Rogers' anti-expansion utterances and his avowed enmity toward the national Administration caused a breach with the out of the 145 districts have been cumout of the 145 districts have been com-puted, and all of the work has, I think, been well and accurately done. I was especially careful in picking out the enumerators, for I was very auxious to have the work done as correctly as possible, and I think the result will show that I got explain the state of th

ellent material. "There are several colored men among the enumerators, and their work is espa-cially neat and accurate."

Madman Threatens His Family. EGG HARBOR CITY, N. J., June 13 .-Rudolph Siegel, forty years old, a son of General Franz Siegel, has been residing here for some time on account of his sus enumerator in Washington county to tally unbalanced, but he was considered complete his work. Charles C. Fechtig was harmless. Monday night his malady took a violent turn and he attempted to kill the second. Persons are guessing on the population of Hagerstown. Conservatives put the population at from 13,000 to 16, a neighbor, notified Marshal Senft, who ame to the rescue. It took four strong men to overpower the madman, and when placed in the city lock-up he smashed the lock-up he smashed the vindows and all the furniture aken to the county jail yesterday after-

Third Narrow Escape From Death, WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, June 13 .-Suspended from the cornice of a rcof by a new bridge over the Broax River, on the strap on the back of his overalls, James Harlem tracks, two miles north of Wiltbank, a painter, hung for nearly half the strap on the back of his overalls, James an hour yesterday. He was painting the top of Henry Dawson's cottage in Upper Mer-ion when he slid down the steep roof. Two nen, who were riding by, went to the roof and hauled him up over the caves to safety. This is the third narrow escape that Wiltbank has had since January.

Among the President's callers at the

White House today were ex-Speaker Keifer of Ohio and Senator Bate of Tennessee. \$4.00 To Philadelphia and \$4.00 Return via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Can You Dive 80 Feet? do at Chesapeake Beach daily, Plasterers, Attention! New Price